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SUBJ: PROPOSED DOD-MINISTRY OF WAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RE DEFENSE SYSTEM R&D AND PRODUCTION

REF: SECDEF 242018Z MAY 74

1. WE HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON DRAFT MOU PRESENTED REFTEL.

A. MOU WOULD ADD SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT TO BROADER INITIATIVE FOR US-IRAN COOPERATION. AS SUBJECT OF MOU HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT OF BROADER INITIATIVES, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR AMBASSADOR TO INFORM SHAH OF GENERAL OUTLINE OF MOU WHEN IT IS APPROVED. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF HE COULD SAY AT THAT TIME WHAT SPECIFIC DEFENSE SYSTEMS WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH IRANIANS FOR R&D OR PRODUCTION. GOI HAS PRESSED FOR SOME MONTHS TO GET COOPERATION STARTED. IRANIANS WILL BE DISAPPOINTED IF SIGNING OF MOU IS FOLLOWED BY LONG PERIOD OF INACTIVITY ON SUBSTANCE OF COOPERATION.

B. WE BELIEVE MOU SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN DOD AND MOW WITH GEN. TOUFANIAN SIGNING ON BEHALF OF LATTER. IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO INVOLVE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH HAS NO BACK-

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GROUND IN THIS AREA.

C. US MEMBERSHIP OF STEERING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE EXPANDED, WE FEEL, TO INCLUDE (1) CHIEF, ARMISH/MAAG, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS MISSION AND (2) OFFICER FROM STATE DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE RELEASE OF DATA AND HANDLE COORDINATION OF POLITICAL ISSUES.

D. WE ARE NOT COMPETENT TO COMMENT ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF DOCUMENT, BUT ASSUME THESE ARE BEING VETTED BY LEGAL STAFF.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY BE INCLUDED AS ADDRESSEE FUTURE MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT.

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